



The African Technology Policy Studies Network and the Wilson Center's Africa Program and Project on Leadership and Building State Capacity present:

Strategic Planning for Science, Technology and Innovation Policy, Research and Practice in Africa in post Rio+20 World: Role of Africans in Diaspora and Friends of Africa in the United States

Monday, October 29, 2012

Time: 9am-5pm

Venue: 5th Floor Conference Room

**The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center
One Woodrow Wilson Plaza - 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW,
Washington, DC 20004-3027**

Preamble

The role of the African Diaspora in development policy, planning and implementation, poverty reduction and economic growth in their home continent and countries is attracting considerable interest amongst policymakers in Africa and elsewhere. Overall, the policy strategy championed by the African Technology Policy Studies Network (ATPS) in the African Manifesto for Science, Technology and Innovation recently launched in Cairo, Egypt in November 2010 has been rather unique. It provides effective models for turning the challenges of “brian drain” into “brain gain” through effective knowledge brokerage and “brain circulation”.

Following the launch of the African Manifesto for STI, the ATPS Board encouraged the ATPS management to set up national chapters of the ATPS in selected partner countries, including the United States of America to provide platforms for re-engaging Africans in the Diaspora and friends of Africa in the United States in STI policy dialogues, policymaking and implementation activities for sustainable development in Africa.

The ATPS is a multi-disciplinary network of researchers, practitioners and policy makers that promotes science, technology and innovation (STI) policy research, dialogue and practice, for African Development. With a regional secretariat in Nairobi, Kenya, ATPS operates through national chapters in 30 countries with an expansion plan to cover the entire Africa by 2015. Established in the 1980s, the ATPS enjoys full diplomatic status in the Republic of Kenya.

The Diaspora chapters provide veritable platforms for (i) re-engagement in development programs in the continent without necessarily re-locating to their home countries; (ii) greater knowledge circulation between African countries and Africans in the Diaspora; (iii) consolidating African voices in Northern policy dialogues and informing international development program planning and implementation; (iv) facilitating better understanding and embedding of Northern voices in African policy dialogues and development program planning and implementation; and (v) knowledge networking; amongst others.

The overarching interest interests is to optimise opportunities for harnessing the STI knowledge, skills and experiences of the Diaspora for development in Africa and in the countries of their residence through mutual learning and knowledge circulation.

ATPS USA was founded with the belief that Science, Technology and Innovation present an important opportunity for harnessing the knowledge resources of the Africans in the Diaspora for African development. It brings together the quadruple helix: policy makers, academia, the private sector actors, and civil societies in the USA with interests in fostering sustainable development in Africa to pursue the common goal of promotion, generation, dissemination, use and mastery of science, technology and innovation (STI) for African development, environmental sustainability and global inclusion. The chapter was launched on June 8, 2012 at the Woodrow Wilson Center, in Washington DC in collaboration with the Woodrow Wilson Center’s Africa Program and Project on Leadership and Building State Capacity. The ATPS has been participating in the Centre’s Southern Voices program which aims to strengthen the voices of the global south in USA policy dialogues.

In liaison with the Wilson Centre, the ATPS is hosting a Chatham House Strategic Planning Roundtable on 29 October 2012.

Objectives

The Strategic Planning Round Table is designed to achieve the following objectives:

1. Reflect on the emerging priorities of the ATPS Phase VII Strategic Plan for STI policy research and policy planning for African development in the coming decade and identify leverage points for Africans and friends of Africa living in the United States of America.
2. Reflect on previous and ongoing initiatives to strengthen participation of the African Diaspora in policy dialogues, policy planning and implementation in Africa, the USA and elsewhere, and draw lessons for ATPS USA implementation activities.
3. Based on 1 & 2 above, identify priority implementation activities and work plan for ATPS USA to upscale the efforts of the ATPS and its partners in promoting the generation, dissemination, use and mastery of science, technology and innovation (STI) for African development, environmental sustainability and global inclusion.
4. Identify potential partnerships in the United States for effective implementation of the ATPS phase VII Strategic Plan, 2013 – 2017.
5. Make recommendations for African governments and development partners on how best to harness the wealth of STI knowledge, skills and experiences amongst Africans legitimately living and working in the USA for the mutual development of Africa and vice versa.

Program

MONDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2012			
Time	Subject	Presenter	Session Chair
08:00 - 09:00 am	Registration & Networking		Dr Henrietta Ukwu Senior Vice President Pharmaceutical Product Development (PPD) Inc., USA
09:00: 09:10 am	Welcoming Remarks/Introduction to the Africa program of the Wilson Centre & mutual interests with ATPS	Dr. Steve McDonald Director, Africa Program and Project on Leadership and Building State Capacity, Wilson Center	
09:10- 09: 15 am	Welcoming remarks from ATPS-USA Chapter	Dr. Anthony Ikeme National Coordinator, ATPS USA	
09:15 – 09:40 am	The African Technology Policy Studies Network – An Introduction to Phase VII Strategic Plan, 2013 - 2017	Prof. Kevin Urama ATPS Executive Director	
09:40 – 09:50 am	Highlights of Institutional Evaluation of the ATPS 2012: A SWOT Analyses	Prof. Vincent Anigbogu (Lead External Evaluator - ATPS Phase VI) Director General, Institute for National Transformation, 1183 Berryhill Drive, Lithonia, GA 30058, USA	
09:50 – 10:45 am	Facilitated Brains Storming 1: Identifying priority STI policy interests of USA stakeholders	Facilitator: Prof. Osita Ogbu, Former Executive Director, ATPS and Former Minister for National Planning, Fed. Republic of Nigeria	
10:45 –11:00 am	Health/Refreshment Break & Photo Session		
Time	Subject	Key Panelists (to give opening statements on the subject for 10 minutes each):	
11:00 – 11:40 am	Ongoing efforts to build Africa’s STI capacity in the global north: lessons for ATPS-USA and opportunities for collaboration	Dr Vincent Ahonkhai (Chair) Senior Director Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation – to give global perspectives from a Development Partner Dr. Steve McDonald Director, Africa Program and Project on Leadership and Building State Capacity, Wilson Center – to give perspectives from the USA Professor Sir Brian Heap (ATPS Board Member) President, European Academies Science Advisory	

		<p><i>Council C/o German Academy of Sciences Leopoldina Postfach 110543 06019 Halle (Saale) – to give perspectives from the European Community</i></p> <p>Dr. Kippy Joseph / Amira Rcokefeller Foundation, <i>New York Office - to give global perspectives from a Development Partner</i></p> <p>Dr. Patrick Lukulay <i>Vice President USP’s Global Health Impact Programs and program director for the USAID-funded Promoting the Quality of Medicines Program</i></p>
11:40 – 12.30 pm	<p>Facilitated Round Table Discussion: Prioritization & engagement strategy for the ATPS-USA</p> <p>Discussion questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the key priority areas (leverage points) for engagement by ATPS USA chapter? • Which are the key modes of engagement with Africa that have been successful? • Which are the key partners in the global north to engage? 	<p>Prof. Shaukat Ali Abdulrazak (Chair ATPS Board) <i>Executive Secretary, National Council for Science and Technology P.O. Box 30623-0010 Nairobi, Kenya</i></p>
12:30–2:00 pm	Lunch Break	
Time	Subject	Session Chair
2:00 – 2:10 pm	Summary of emerging priorities and stakeholders	<i>Dr. Tony Ikeme, National Coordinator, ATPS-USA</i>
2:10 – 3:10 pm	<p>Break out discussion sessions: elaborating on key priority areas identified by delegates – World Café style</p> <p>Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How can the ATPS take this priority forward? 2. Who must be engaged for the activity to succeed? 	<p><i>Maximum of 5 break out tables defined by interests to expand on priorities and action plans for implementation.</i></p> <p><i>Each group to appoint a Chair and Rapporteur</i></p>

	<p>3. Are there similar initiative or programs that ATPS could partner with?</p> <p>4. Other questions as may be defined by the group.</p>	
3:10 – 3:30 pm	Plenary session- reporting back by the working groups	<i>Chairs of each group</i>
3:30- 3:45 pm	<i>Health/Refreshment Break</i>	
3:45 -4:15 pm	<p>Open Discussion Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key priorities • Key stakeholders to engage • Key information to be aware of • ETC 	<i>Any further ideas? Questions? Information?</i>
4:15 – 4:30 pm	Bounding the vision – within the mandates of the ATPS	<i>Prof. Kevin Urama, Executive Director, ATPS</i>
4:30 - 45 pm	Next steps for implementation	<i>Dr. Tony Ikeme, National Coordinator, ATPS-USA</i>
4:45 – 4:50 pm	Closing remarks	<i>Prof. Shaukat Ali Abdulrazak (Chair ATPS Board)</i>
4:50 – 5:00 pm	Vote of Thanks	<i>Dr. Eddy Agbo</i> <i>CEO, Fyodor Biotech, Baltimore, MD</i>
END OF PROGRAM		